

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

From the analyses in the preceding chapter, it can be seen that Pearl S. Buck's The Rainbow is really a reflection of life. It is a novel which concerns the problem of human satisfaction and with the human problems in dealing with the other people. This novel is chosen for the reason that has been explained in the background of the study, such as the story which is related with a different world, that is the world of the theater, and the problems which is revealed in this novel concerning human life.

This thesis deals with the analysis of theme through the character of Henry Potter and his conflicts. So, in this thesis, the writer wants to try to describe the theme of the novel, The Rainbow by emphasizing her analysis on the character of Henry Potter and his conflicts. Besides, through the analyses in the previous chapter, it can be seen that the elements of the novel supports the content. The analysis in this thesis is divided into two parts : analysis on the structure and analysis on the content. The analysis on the structure is done before the content analysis. However, by studying the structure of the novel,

we also study the content indirectly.

There are three major characters in the novel, The Rainbow : Henry Potter, Aubrey Dane, and Elena Lonigan. Nevertheless, Henry Potter is the character who becomes the key of the story. He has the important part in supporting the writer to see the significant meaning of the novel, The Rainbow.

The Rainbow talked about the life of fifty-year-old man named Henry Potter. His inner conflict has become the source of his problems with the other characters. He was not satisfied with his own life and with his relationship with his own wife. He wanted to change his life and enter another stage of existence. However, he did not know exactly what he should do and what he really needed. He just knew that he needed something different from his own life. His mental condition is disturbed and it influences his emotion.

Henry Potter is an example of a person who is rich, lonely and bored; and has to enter a very different world, that is the theater world to heal his inner conflict. In that strange new world, Henry Potter represents the character who has a different way of life and belief. He is really different from the other characters, such as Aubrey Dane and Elena Lonigan. These differences are the main cause of his conflict with Aubrey Dane. Moreover, by

emphasizing the analysis on Henry Potter's conflicts, it would be easier for the writer to understand the theme of the novel, The Rainbow.

Implicitly, the theme of the novel has already been symbolized in the title of the novel since it has some meaning concerning the story. The rainbow symbolized the world of theater. It symbolized the play. It symbolized a vague beauty which appears only for a moment. Besides, the rainbow also symbolized dream and vision of each character in the novel which depends on his way of thinking and only visible to himself.

Most of the characters in the novel are theater people including Aubrey Dane and Elena Lonigan; however, Henry Potter has to get involved with them to heal his inner conflict. Basically, they have the same vision and the same opinion about the play. They want to be the greatest in theater and for them, theater is their life, the place where they can find their identity and their own self. Besides, for them, theater is the place where they can get a real happiness and love just like Aubrey Dane, Elena Lonigan and Stella. Nevertheless, Henry Potter is the one who has a different opinion about the world of theater. He is the character who feels that he does not belong to that world. For him, theater is just the world

of dream and just the place where he can release his emotion. For Henry Potter, it is just a different world in which he can heal his inner conflict.

From the analysis of theme, we see that it expresses the problems of human life that often we meet in our life. It is the reality of life. By focusing on Henry Potter and his conflicts, the writer can get a precious lesson from it. Through him, she can get a message from the novel, The Rainbow that actually, everyone has his own perception and judgement in considering something, and it depends on his way of thinking which is only visible to himself.

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